

REMARKS

Interview Summary

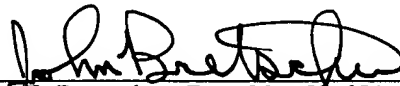
An interview was held on November 17, 2003, with John Bretscher and Aaron Feigelson (applicants' representatives) and Examiner LeChi Truong. The discussion focused primarily on the separation of the SOAP request message from the SOAP API software object. During the interview, it was noted that, by using a SOAP API software object, changes could be made to applications and the SOAP protocol itself without requiring changes to the API (specification p.5, lines 28-29). Examiner Truong indicated that the claims would be reconsidered if it was made more clear that the SOAP request message was thus separated from the SOAP API software object.

Applicants are grateful for the Examiner's time and guidance and have amended the claims in keeping with the Examiner's comments.

Conclusion

The application is considered in good and proper form for allowance, and the Examiner is respectfully requested to pass this application to issue. If, in the opinion of the Examiner, a telephone conference would expedite the prosecution of the subject application, the Examiner is invited to call the undersigned attorney.

Respectfully submitted,



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